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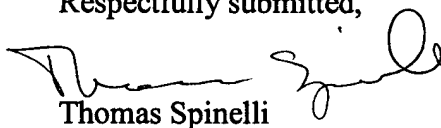
  
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3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 11-225996,  
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Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references. The relevance of references 2 and 3 has been described in the specification.

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